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[X]	ATTN:	BOX PATENT APPLICATION
[]	ATTN:	BOX DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION
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[]	THIS IS	THE 35 U.S.C 371 NATIONAL STAGE OF FILED
Sir:	Transm	itted herewith for filing is the [X] Utility [] Design [X] nonprovisional [] provisional patent application of:
Inve	ntor / App	plication Identifier: Masanori NONOMURA, et al.
[]	See Invent	or Information Sheet attached
For:		HOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING A MULTI-FIBER ARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER ASSEMBLY
[]	This is a	new patent application.
		e 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
		provisional patent application.
[X]	This is a:	[] Continuation Application
		[X] Divisional Application
		[] Continuation-in-Part Application
		of prior Application Serial No. <u>09/942,857</u> .
		[] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
		[X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a [] Continuation, [X] Divisional, [] Continuation-in-part, of Application Serial No. 09/942,857 filed August 30, 2001, now Pending. -

[X] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ENCL	OSED .	ARE THE FOLLOWING:						
х	13 Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [] informal size A4).							
Х	25	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.						
Х	38	Total pages.						
х	Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney							
		Newly executed						
	Х	Copy from prior application						
, y.v. 1954		Inventors deleted; see attached statement						
	Sequence Listing							
		Computer Readable Copy						
		Paper copy						
		Statement verifying identity of above copies						
х	Return Receipt Postcard							
х	Preliminary Amendment							
х	Assignment to: Totoku Electric Co., Ltd.							
	X Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No.09/942,857.							
		Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.						
		Charge \$40.00 to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 for recording Assignment.						
	Information Disclosure Statement							
	Information Disclosure Citation							
	English translation							
Х	Application Data Sheet							

PRIO	RITY C	LAIMS			
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.				
X	Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below: Japan Patent Appln. No. 2001-071583, filed March 14, 2001, Priority Claimed				
	of which certified copies thereof				
		will follow			
		are enclosed			
		have been filed in the International Bureau			
	Х	were filed in prior application: 09/942,857			

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[] Base Fee - PCT ISA-US				\$770		
[] Base Fee - PCT not ISA or IPEA			\$1,080			
Base Fee - PCT with EPO or JPO Search Report			\$920			
[] Base Fee - Design				\$340		
[] Base Fee - Provisional				\$160		
Claim Fees	Number Filed	Base Number	Number Extra over Base	_		
Total Claims	4	20	0	\$18	\$0	
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$86	\$0	
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	-			\$290	\$0	
[] Small Entity Status is Asserted					(\$0)	
[] Foreign Language Filing Fee				\$130	\$0	
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